

Amendment
Application No. 10/552,152
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (previously presented): A water-absorbing resin compound, which comprises a water-absorbing resin, an antibacterial agent having a porous material incorporating an antibacterial metal, and a metal chelating agent, wherein the water-absorbing resin is a cross-linked polymer of an acrylic acid salt.

Claim 2 (original): The water-absorbing resin compound according to claim 1, wherein the content of the antibacterial agent is 0.001-1 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the water-absorbing resin.

Claim 3 (original): The water-absorbing resin compound according to claim 1, wherein the content of the antibacterial metal incorporated in antibacterial agent is 0.1-15 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the porous material.

Claim 4 (original): The water-absorbing resin compound according to claim 1, wherein the content of the metal chelating agent is 0.01-10 parts by weight with respect to 100 parts by weight of the water-absorbing resin.

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Claim 5 (original): The water-absorbing resin compound according to claim 1, wherein the metal chelating agent is an aminocarboxylic acid metal chelating agent.

Claim 6 (original): The water-absorbing resin compound according to claim 5, wherein the aminocarboxylic acid metal chelating agent is at least one selected from a group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, triethylenetetraaminehexaacetic acid, and salts thereof.

Claim 7 (original): An absorbing material, which comprises a water-absorbing resin compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6, and a hydrophilic fiber.

Claim 8 (original): An absorbing product, which comprises a liquid-permeable sheet; a liquid-non-permeable sheet; and an absorbing material comprising a water-absorbing resin compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6 and a hydrophilic fiber, wherein the absorbing material lying between the liquid-permeable sheet and the liquid-non-permeable sheet.

Claim 9 (new): A water-absorbing resin compound according to claim 1, wherein the antibacterial agent is an eluting-type.